# BLACK SEA GRAIN INITIATIVE PROCEDURES FOR MERCHANT VESSELS

#### BACKGROUND

- 10. In the case of receiving information regarding a change in the time or date of approach of vessels to the Turkish Inspection Area, the Ukrainian authorities will notify the JCC. If adverse weather does not allow for inspections in one of the Turkish Inspection Areas, vessels will receive instruction on inspection from the Istanbul Port Authority.
- 11. The following procedure has been developed by the parties and shall be followed by all merchant vessels planning to export grain, foodstuffs and fertilizers, including ammonia from the Ukrainian Ports.

#### VESSELS ROUTING UNDER THE INITIATIVE

12. The Initiative protects a route between the Turkish Inspection Area and the Ukrainian Ports. The route is divided into several segments, each of which is subject to different levels of control under the ISPS Code, and different levels of protection under the Initiative. The route is described and located from south to north as follows:

**The Turkish Inspection Area** (coordinates provided by Türkiye): The Turkish Inspection Area are designated temporary anchorage areas for vessels awaiting inspection by JCC Inspection Teams. VTS Istanbul will direct vessels to the appropriate area for inspection. The Turkish Inspection Areas are situated in areas with the following coordinates: (All coordinates in WGS84 Datum)

#### Turkish Inspection Area N (Black Sea):

REF	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
TE	41 14.90 N	028 59.58 E
TF	41 17.26 N	028 59.58 E
TG	41 17.26 N	029 02.20 E
TH	41 15.50 N	029 04.60 E
TI	41 15.20 N	029 04.60 E

#### **Turkish Inspection Area S (Sea of Marmara):**

REF	LATITUDE :	LONGITUDE
TA	41 00.36 N	028 59.13 E
TB	40 59.33 N	028 58.57 E
TC	40 58.09 N	028 56.47 E
TD	40 59.84 N	028 56.47 E

Vessels transiting to or from the Turkish Inspection Area and The High Seas Transit Corridor to Ref Point (JC) are not restricted to a specific route, but shall pass through Ref Point JB. Port calls, stops and ship to ship transfers are not authorized when transiting this segment, other than for emergencies, where the JCC must be informed.

REF	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
JB	42 19.15	

**The Southern Waiting Area.** The Southern Waiting Area is designated as a temporary holding area for vessels engaged in the Initiative. Inbound vessels may use the Southern Waiting Area to await transit during authorized hours. Vessels must inform the JCC if they decide to use the Southern Waiting Area.

LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
44 50.00N	030 10.00E
44 50.00N	030 25.00E
44 55.00N	030 25.00E
45 00.00N	030 10.00E

The Maritime Humanitarian Corridor (MHC) includes the High Seas Transit Corridor and the Entrance to Ukrainian Territorial Sea (to the boundary of the Ukrainian Territorial Sea).

**The High Seas Transit Corridor (coordinates developed by JCC).** The High Seas Transit Corridor is an 83 nautical miles long, 3 nautical miles wide, two-way route (Northbound traffic to the East, Southbound traffic to the West). The coordinates of the centre-line of the Corridor are as follows:

REF	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	COURSE	DISTANCE
			(TRUE)	(NM)
JC	044 53.00N	030 39.50E	004	45
JD	045 37.10N	030 48.10E	025	38
JE	046 12.00N	031 10.00E		

**Entrance to Ukrainian Territorial Seas.** From Point JE, the Maritime Humanitarian Corridor widens and leads to the Ukrainian Territorial Seas Holding Area. The corridor boundaries are defined below:

REF	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
UA	46 24.00N	030 54.00E
UB	46 19.00N	031 05.00E
UC	46 12.00N	031 07.50E
UD	46 12.00N	031 12.50E
UE	46 27.00N	031 10.50E
UF	46 28.20N	030 58.20E

While transiting the Entrance to the Ukrainian Territorial Seas, the Buffer Zone does not extend into the Ukrainian Territorial Sea. Vessels continue to be protected by the Initiative and Ukrainian authorities. (Coordinates developed by Ukraine.)

**The Ukrainian Territorial Seas Holding Area** (the Holding Area), used for the formation and disbandment of convoys and the disembarkation of pilots is bounded by the following coordinates:

REF	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
IXLI		LONGITUDE

UH	46 30.50N	030 54.00E
UG	46 30.50N	030 58.20E
UI	46 24.00N	030 58.20E
UA	46 24.00N	030 54.00E

**Entrance to the Port of Chornomorsk Waypoints** from the Holding Area to the port of Chernomorsk (Chornomorsk) (Channel width - up to 200 metres):

LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
46 24.00N	030 54.00E
46 20.50N	030 43.20E
46 20.00N	030 42.70E
46 18.842N	030 41.807E
46 19.123N	030 40.596E

**Entrance to the port of Odesa** Waypoints from the Holding Area to the Port of Odesa (Channel width - up to 200 metres):

LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
46 30.00N	030 54.00E
46 30.00N	030 46.44E

15.	The Ukrainian authorities will be informed of the results of all inspections as soon as possible after the inspection is complete. If a vessel is not cleared by the JCC for transit, the JCC will notify the Ukrainian authorities will be informed of the results of all inspections as soon as possible after the inspection is complete.	e n

- a) Grains
- b) Other Foodstuffs, as authorized by the JCC (Sections I-IV of Harmonized System Codes (HS Code 2017-Current)
- c)Fertilizer, including ammonia;
- 24.3. Failure to transmit AIS signal;
- 24.4. In addition, any vessel deviating from the Maritime Humanitarian Corridor (except to enter the Southern Waiting Area), conducting a ship to ship transfer, or conducting an unauthorized stop while transiting the corridor may be subject to additional measures.
- 25. After receiving and reviewing the inspection report, the JCC informs the vessel and Istanbul Port Authority that the vessel is

  At this point, if cleared to proceed, the vessel may continue its transit to its destination.

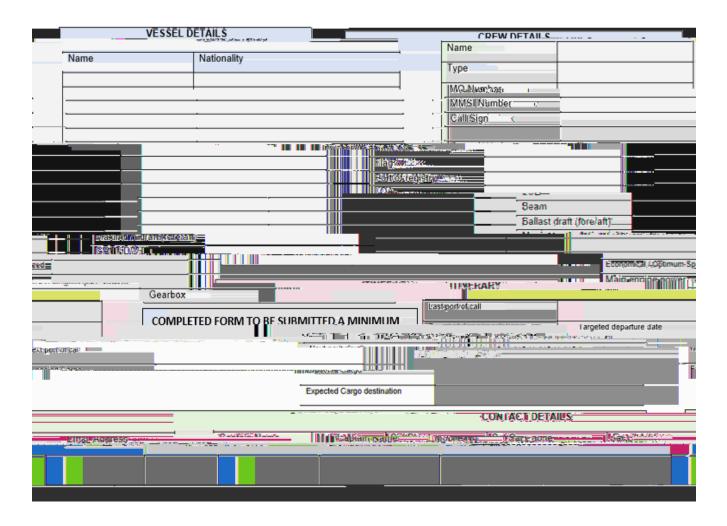
#### PROCEDURES WHILE TRANSITING TO OR FROM UKRAINIAN TERRITORIAL SEAS

- 26. To avoid the danger of floating mines or misidentification in the zone of military activities, vessels must plan their transit of the Maritime Humanitarian Corridor during maximum daylight hours, that is, between 0500 and 2100.
- 27. All vessels transiting the High Seas Corridor must remain in the corridor at all times. Vessels shall display the appropriate lights or day shapes for a vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver (COLREG Rule 27) while transiting in the corridor. Vessels transiting at nighttime or in restricted visibility should illuminate their deck lighting.
- 28. Inbound vessels transiting the High Seas Corridor must proceed, without deviation, to the Ukrainian Territorial Seas Holding Area, maintaining a sharp lookout for floating hazards. The Southern Waiting Area may be used by inbound vessels to await 0500 before commencing the transit.
- 29. Outbound vessels, upon departing Ukrainian Territorial Seas, should proceed through the Entrance to the Ukrainian Territorial Seas area to point JE, the entrance to the High Seas Corridor. Vessels should maintain a sharp lookout for floating hazards.
- 30. For vessels inbound to Ukrainian ports: Inspection should be conducted only after the vessel has completed all actions such as:
  - 1. bunkering;

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- 31.1. The vessel should implement the requirements of MARSEC Level 3, as defined by the Government of Ukraine, from the Turkish Inspection Area to the Ukrainian ports, for inbound vessels, and vice versa for outbound vessels.
- 31.2. For bulk carriers, cargo hatches open, if safe, and cargo and machinery areas ready for inspection. Vessels must confirm that any confined spaces being inspected are safe for entry. eli4 62222.5sayL-.8G.54 622.54 Tm
- 31.3. All vessels documentation available, including crew list and tank sounding logs. A complete list

#### APPENDIX A TO ANNEX B



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## Vessel movement plan Outbound Vessel

(All Times UTC+3)

Vessel	Flag	IMO	Port of	Berth of	ETD from	ETD MHC	ETA Turkish	Cargo
name		number	departure	departure	UA TTS		Inspection Area	destination
				/ETD				port

<b>APPENDIX</b>	$\mathbf{C}$
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#### **Vessel Movement Plan** Inbound Vessels

(All Times UTC+3)

	Vessel	Flag	IMO	Port of	Berth at	ETA Turkish	ETD Turkish	ETA MHC	ETA	Cargo	Notes
	name		number	destination	destination	Inspection Area	Inspection Area		UA TTS		
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### **JCC Inspection Checklist**

- 1. General Arrangements / Vessels Plans
- 2. Vessels
- 3. Crew list on arrival
- 4. Port clearance from last port
- 5. Departure crew list from last port
- 6. Stores list on arrival
- 7. Stores list on departure from last port
- 8. Bunker delivery report (last)
- 9.

## BLACK SEA GRAIN INTIATIVE JOINT COORDINATION CENTRE

#### VESSEL INCIDENT REPORTING FORM

## FOR USE BY VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN THE INITIATIVE ENCOUNTERING PROVOCATIONS, THREATS OR OTHER INCIDENTS

VESSEL NAME	
IMO NUMBER	
SATELLITE PHONE #	
OTHER PHONE #	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT	
LOCATION OF INCIDENT (LAT/LONG)	
DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT	

SUBMIT TO JCC AT: ADMIN@JCC

## **Signatures of Parties - Page 1**

### **Annex B to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)**

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